



Rocky Flats Citizens Advisory Board

A Vision for the Cleanup of Rocky Flats

Vision Elements at a Glance:

Environmental Restoration

The Board maintains an ultimate goal of cleaning up the site to background levels for plutonium. The interim cleanup goal should be one that is protective of human health and surface water quality. Also, the site should perform an ALARA analysis to determine if further cleanup (i.e., levels approaching average Colorado Front Range background levels) can be accomplished with a net benefit to the public and the environment. In initial discussions, a majority of the Board generally opposes the use of caps unless they are shown to be the only option available as a temporary measure to stop the spread of contamination. The Board will continue to discuss this issue.

Building D&D

The Board supports the demolition of all buildings at the site.

Special Nuclear Materials

The Board supports the movement of plutonium and other nuclear materials to safe offsite facilities.

Waste Management

The Board continues to oppose any radioactive waste disposal onsite. There is no consensus within the Board on whether or not it would support disposing of transuranic waste at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant.

Although the Board did not reach agreement on management options for Rocky Flats low level waste, it did develop containment criteria to guide DOE in its low level waste management planning. Any low level waste facility should be isolated, monitored, retrievable and secure. Long-term funding must be addressed. The public should be involved in decisions about the facility. Finally, the risks involved in transportation of wastes need to be included in the analysis of waste management options.

Site Reuse

The Board recommends that the entire site become open space after the completion of interim cleanup. No new development or redevelopment should be allowed on the Rocky Flats site before or after closure.

ADMIN RECORD

Stewardship

The Board's recommendations on stewardship will coincide with a community dialogue process currently under development.

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